

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Beginning at page 3, line 9:

Second amplifying section 170 includes third and fourth optical isolators 133 and 134, third and fourth pump laser diodes ~~[[141]]~~-143 and ~~[[142]]~~ 144, fifth and sixth wavelength selective couplers 125 and 126, and a second erbium-doped optical fiber 152.

Beginning at page 7, line 19:

Optical attenuator 280 is disposed between third port 2213 of first circulator ~~[[21]]~~-221 and first port 2221 of a second circulator 222. Since the transmissivity varies depending on the applied current, optical attenuator 280 transmits the inputted spontaneous emission according to a preset transmissivity.